

Appl. No. 09/758,026
Amdt. dated September 6, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 5 2005

INTERVIEW STATEMENT

On behalf of Inventor Clarke and the owner of this application, we wish to express our appreciation to Examiner Jackson for the courtesies extended to us in a recent Telephonic Interview held on Wednesday, August 3, 2005. A record of the substance of the interview was prepared by Examiner Jackson, a copy of which was mailed to us on August 11, 2005, in the paper entitled "Interview Summary." As reported by Examiner Jackson, Applicant expressed concern that there is no explicit teaching in the references to combine *Schoonover et. al* and *McKenzie*. Applicant respectfully disagrees with Examiner's Jackson's statement that *Schoonover et. al* includes every limitation of the claim except for parallel bosses for the reasons set forth in its Reply to the Office Action of July 14, 2004. The cancellation of Claims 1, 3-12, 19-20 and 35-48 is purely to advance the case and place the application in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005. Claims 1, 3-12, 19-20, and 29-48 are pending in this application. Claims 30-34 have been allowed. Claims 9-12, 29, 42-45, and 48 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 3-8, 19-20, 35-41, and 46-47 have been rejected. Claims 49-53 have been added. Claim 49 represents Claim 42 rewritten in independent form. Claims 50-53 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 49. Claim 30 has been amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 33 has been amended to further define the invention. Claims 1, 3-12, 19-20 and 35-48 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering moot the objections to and rejection of these claims. Claims 13-18 and 21-28 were previously withdrawn

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in response to a restriction requirement and are presently cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Claim 2 was previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the claim cancellations and amendments, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Claims 30-34 and 49-53 are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. In the event additional fees or extensions are required, the Examiner is authorized to treat this letter as a request for further extensions and to charge Deposit Account 03-0172. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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